



Water - Essential for Life

# Irvine Municipal Utilities Water Quality Report for year 2012

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This report is designed to inform the public about the quality of water and services provided on a daily basis. Our commitment is to provide our customers with a safe, clean, and reliable supply of drinking water. We want to assure that we will continue to monitor, improve, and protect the water system and deliver a high quality product. Water is the most indispensable product in every home and we ask everyone to be conservative and help us in our efforts to protect the water source and the water system.

We at IMU use the Kentucky River as our source for water. We only take about 1.3 million gallons a day on average to supply 15,000 people with safe drinking water. Although we have a ample supply of water there is always room for conservation. There are two types of water sources, ground water and surface water. The Kentucky River is a surface water source. Like all water sources it is susceptible to pollutants, not only directly dumped in to it, but also those contaminants that can enter from creeks, carsts and caverns hundreds of yard away. We have developed a source water assessment which identifies all the areas with in a large radius of the rivers edge to help us determine what could be a potential hazard to our source of water. The Kentucky River is at moderate risk for hazards due to the pesticides, fertilizers and straiight pipes in the area. We monitor closely for these types of hazards to maintain our high quality of safe drinking water. This Source Water Assessment is updated and checked on a regular basis and is available for review upon request at our office.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and may pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities).

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health.

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).*

Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Below Detection Levels (BDL)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Not Applicable (N/A)** - does not apply.

**Parts per million (ppm)** - or milligrams per liter, (mg/L). One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb)** - or micrograms per liter, (µg/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per trillion (ppt)** - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

**Parts per quadrillion (ppq)** - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.

**Variances & Exemptions (V&E)** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

**Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT)** - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## Information About Lead:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your local public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Spanish (Español)** Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old. Unless otherwise noted, the report level is the highest level detected.

### Regulated Contaminant Test Results

Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection		Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Antimony [1074] (ppb)	6	6	3.500	2	to 5	Feb-12	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic [1005] (ppb)	10	N/A	0.500	0.5	to 0.5	Feb-12	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium [1010] (ppm)	2	2	0.029	0.029	to 0.029	Feb-12	No	Drilling wastes; metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium [1075] (ppb)	4	4	2.000	2	to 2	Feb-12	No	Metal refineries and coal-burning factories; electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Cadmium [1015] (ppb)	5	5	0.500	0.5	to 0.5	Feb-12	No	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; metal refineries; waste batteries and paints
Chromium [1020] (ppb)	100	100	2.000	2	to 2	Feb-12	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper [1022] (ppm) sites exceeding action level	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.134  (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	0.033	to 0.134	Jul-10	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Cyanide [1024] (ppb)	200	200	10.000	10	to 10	Feb-12	No	Discharge from steel/metal factories; plastic and fertilizer factories
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	0.90	0.71	to 1.07	Jan 2012	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Lead [1030] (ppb) sites exceeding action level	AL = 15	0	5  (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile)	2	to 5	Jul-10	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Mercury [1035] (ppb)	2	2	0.200	0.2	to 0.2	Feb-12	No	Erosion of natural deposits; refineries and factories; landfills; runoff from cropland
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.300	0.2	to 0.3	Aug-12	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium [1045] (ppb)	50	50	1.000	1	to 1	Feb-12	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Thallium [1085] (ppb)	2	0.5	0.500	0.5	to 0.5	Feb-12	No	Leaching from ore-processing sites; discharge from electronics, glass, and drug factories

## Volatile Organic Contaminants

Benzene [2990] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from factories; leaching from gas storage tanks and landfills
Carbon tetrachloride [2982] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
Chlorobenzene [2989] (ppb)	100	100	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from chemical and agricultural chemical factories
o-Dichlorobenzene [2968] (ppb)	600	600	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
p-Dichlorobenzene [2969] (ppb)	75	75	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-Dichloroethane [2980] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-Dichloroethylene [2977] (ppb)	7	7	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene [2380] (ppb)	70	70	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene [2979] (ppb)	100	100	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane [2964] (ppb)	5	0	0.75	0.5	to	1	Dec-12	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
1,2-Dichloropropane [2983] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Ethylbenzene [2992] (ppb)	700	700	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Styrene [2996] (ppb)	100	100	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leaching from landfills
Tetrachloroethylene [2987] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories and dry cleaners
1,1,1-Trichloroethane [2981] (ppb)	200	200	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
1,1,2-Trichloroethane [2985] (ppb)	5	5	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Trichloroethylene [2984] (ppb)	5	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Toluene [2991] (ppm)	1	1	0.00	0.0005	to	0.0005	Apr-12	No	Discharge from petroleum factories
Vinyl Chloride [2976] (ppb)	2	0	0.50	0.5	to	0.5	Apr-12	No	Leaching from PVC piping; discharge from plastics factories

### Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors

Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.24 (lowest average)	1.00 to 1.78 (monthly ratios)	N/A	No	Naturally present in environment.
*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average of the monthly ratios must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.							
HAA (ppb) (all sites)  [Haloacetic acids]	60	N/A	34 (system average)	17 to 93 (range of system sites)	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA (ppb) (IDSE) [Haloacetic acids]	IDSE (individual distribution system evaluation) is a study to determine future individual sites.			to (range of individual sites)	IDSE initiated May-09		Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA (ppb) [Haloacetic acids] (Individual Sites)	60	N/A	50 (locational average)	17 to 93 (range of individual sites)	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (ppb) (all sites)  [total trihalomethanes]	80	N/A	45 (system average)	16 to 126 (range of system sites)	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
TTHM (ppb)  [total trihalomethanes] (Individual Sites)	80	N/A	59.75 (locational average)	16 to 126 (range of individual sites)	N/A	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

***Our System received a "Notice of Violation" for violating drinking water standards in August 2012. Although the incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you were sent a notice as to what happened and what we did to correct the problem.***